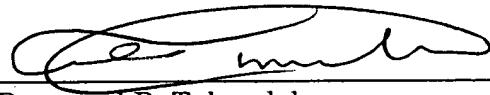


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Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

Claims 1, 29, and 52 have been amended as follows:

1. (Amended) An on-line system for printing a value bearing item (VBI) comprising:  
a client subsystem for interfacing with a user comprising;

a graphical user interface (GUI) for installing software for printing the VBI;

a GUI for registering the user in the system; and

a GUI for managing the printing of the VBI; and

a server subsystem capable of communicating with the client subsystem over a computer network for transmitting an authorization message to the client subsystem for authorizing the client subsystem to print the VBI while the server subsystem is in communication with the client subsystem over the computer network.

29. (Amended) An interactive online postage printing system comprising:

an installation wizard including a graphical user interface (GUI) for downloading and installing software for postage printing from a server connected to a computer network;

a registration wizard including a GUI for facilitating the registration of a user using a user computer with the system; and

a printing wizard including a GUI for facilitating printing of a postage indicium; wherein the server transmits an authorization message to the user computer over the computer network for authoring the printing of the VBI.

52. (Amended) A method for printing a value bearing item (VBI) over a computer network having a client system and a server system, the method comprising the steps of:

displaying a first GUI by the client system for registering a user;

establishing communication with the server via the computer network;

entering user information in the first GUI; and

communicating the entered user information to the server; and

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transmitting an authorization message from the server to the client system over the computer network for authoring the client system to print the VBI.

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